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ALL NATIONS — MATT. 28:19.

EVERY CREATURE — MARK. 16:15

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GOD IS LOVE

THE PILLAR

THE TRUTH

AN OFFER OF GRATEFUL PRAISE

By Lucille Ricketts

Lord, I offer grateful praise
  For mercy through my sinful days;
For saving grace so good and true,
  That saved me and helps me through;

For things seen, and things not seen,
  For things felt through Thee, serene;
For guidance, through your blessed Word,
  For the taste of spiritual food, dear Lord;

For victory in each trying hour,
  That o'er the devil you've given power;
That you have planted within our soul
  A desire, dear Lord, to reach the goal.

Just help us face what is ahead,
  Without fear and without dread;
Knowing as once you did take care
  You'll still be with us in despair.

If I've a talent, help me to use
  And cause lost ones thus to choose
Salvation free, with faith toward Thee;
  And let you love them, Lord, through me.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

I TIM. 3:15

"Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us," Psa. 62:8.

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TRUESDELL

EASTER ORPHANAGE OFFERING PRIZES

J. D. Bright

Chairman, Orphanage Committee

Brother Boehmer and I have thought all along for the last few weeks that we would check up on the Easter Orphanage offerings so as to determine the winners of prizes in keeping with my promise a few weeks before Easter, but due to the fact that offerings have kept coming in, and especially so with April's monthly reports from both church clerks and pastors, we are just now getting ready to make the final check-up. Perhaps, in next week's issue of the Evangel we will be able to announce the winners of special prizes.

Let me take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for the splendid way the churches and states have responded. Such wholehearted cooperation is full proof that we are all interested in a bigger and better Orphanage.

Living By Giving

Is thy cruse of comfort failing?
Rise and share it with a friend!
And through all the years of famine
It shall serve thee to the end.

Love divine will fill thy storehouse
Or thy handful still renew,
Scanty fare for one will often
Make a royal feast for two.

For the heart grows rich in giving,
All its wealth in living gain;
Seeds, which mildew in the garner,
Scattered, fill with gold the plain.

Is thy burden hard and heavy?
Do thy steps drag wearily?
Help to lift thy brother's burden—
God will bear both it and thee.

Lost and weary on the mountain,
Wouldest thou sleep midst the snow?
Chaff that frozen form beside thee,
And together both shall glow.

Art thou wounded in life's battles?
Many stricken round thee moan;
Give to them thy precious ointment
And that balm shall heal thine own.

Is thy heart a well left empty?
None but God its void can fill;
Nothing but a ceaseless fountain
Can its ceaseless longings still.

Is thy heart a living power?
Self-entwined, its strength sinks low;
It can only live by loving,
And by serving, love will grow.

Selected.

—*Gladys Green.*

A T. B. Victim

SPRING CITY, Tenn.—I thank the Lord for His goodness to me and for His great healing power. I have been afflicted with T. B. for a number of years. I have been unable to work for more than two years. I could hardly walk across the house. On the night of October 28 we had a healing service and the Lord touched my body. Since that time I have been up, going wherever I want to go. I gained seven pounds the first month. I desire the prayers of everyone that the Lord will make me completely whole.—Albert Thurman, Star Route.

ELK GARDEN, W. Va.—We wish to thank God for the revival at Elk Garden, W. Va. Seven were saved, five baptized with the Holy Ghost, and six baptized in water.—Charles Bishop.

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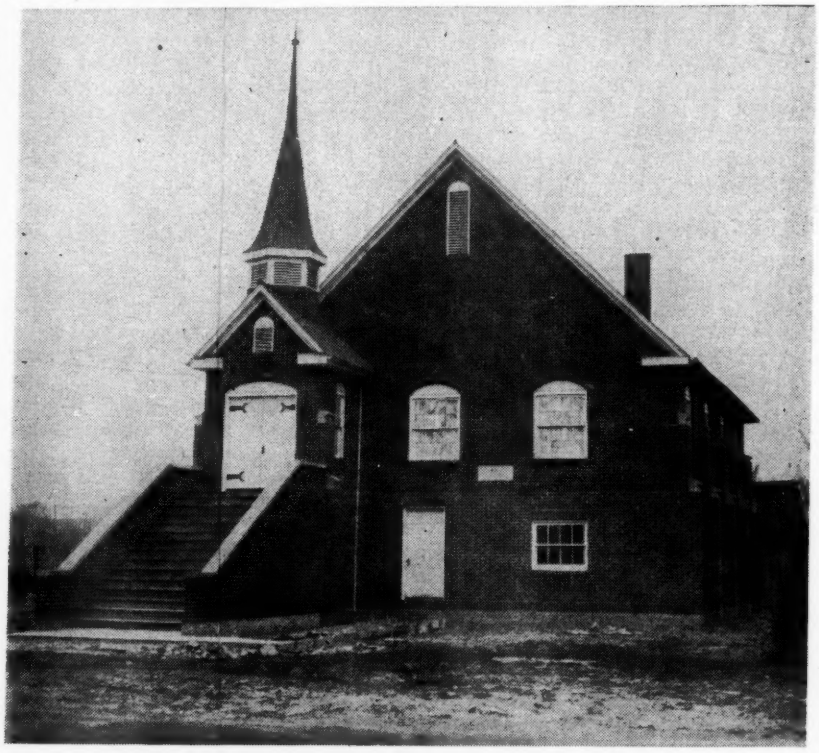
NEW CHURCH AT WEST MIDDLESBORO, KENTUCKY



This beautiful building has just been completed at a cost of approximately $8,000. The structure is brick with full daylight basement for Sunday school rooms. The stage and choir box are laid out in beautiful rounded alcove design, with prayer room on either side. The auditorium has a balcony and is well illuminated in appropriate design of flourescent lights. All this has been accomplished by a church with a membership of nineteen.

The Rev. Moss Dalton, who is pastor of the church and a carpenter, and the Williams brothers, supported by an aggressive Willing Workers' Band, have indeed accomplished a great feat.

This building was dedicated at an impressive rally day service May 10. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the writer. Special singing was rendered by a local quartet, visiting trios and duets from over the district, and by the Boys' Orphanage Trio, of Cleveland. After the dedication, the state overseer of Kentucky, Rev. W. J. Milligan, preached a Mother's Day sermon and more than $300 in cash and material was given by the district for the orphanage work.—*E. L. Simmons.*

Why God Chose Speaking in Tongues as the Initial Evidence of the Holy Spirit, Or Did He?

BY J. W. ARCHER

The writer was raised in the West and has several times wandered afoot through the Death Valley of California, over 100 feet below sea level, until his mouth was parched for water. But always we knew we could get to water. But we have seen the parched bones of oxen and humans, who, in the days of our prairie schooner fathers, did not find water. These bones are covered and then uncovered by the shifting, wind-driven sands of that terrible, sweltering hole.

The story is handed down to us, whether true or no does not matter, of the hard-boiled, granite-hearted, leatherneck who wanted all the water in the one oasis deep in the heart of the desert. So he put up a sign, "Water Poisoned! Do not think!" Weary, thirsty travelers, crawling slowly across the burning desert sands with their ox teams, would count on this oasis, marked on their crude maps, as the one spot where they could replenish their meager water supply. But seeing the sign they would drive on in fear and despair, usually perishing in the cruel desert for **want of water.**

A jury would quickly say that hanging was too good for that devil in human flesh. And yet it is not drawing the point of the illustration too fine to say that there are thousands such men living in our cities today, posing as religious and social leaders of a thirsty people wearily plodding across the trying desert sands of life, looking hopefully ahead to that oasis in the desert—the Word of God and life eternal. And upon the waters of the true gospel these men have placed a sign, "Poison! False! Do not drink!" Healing and the baptism of the Holy Spirit (especially with the evidence of tongues) have had the poison sign hung on them by thousands of religious leaders. Thirsty travelers, feeling assured in their souls that somehow, somewhere there is a better, more joyous way, are frightened away from the pure waters of life by these "poison sign" painters.

Religious zeal, not having wisdom, or knowledge, or love, can become a very destructive force. Some of us yell our beliefs so loudly and fervently that we scare the squirrel down the hole before we get a chance to take one good shot at him. Perhaps our title has done that. But some squirrels are too tough to make a good stew anyway.

Deviation from the normal is what makes human progress, and the Pentecostal way was certainly a radical deviation from the normal to most of us who were raised up to believe in driving the ox down the same old rutted trail even though our more progressive neighbors were rushing by to market in modern trucks. A surprising lot of us are like the old lady, who, when the city doctor wanted to give her son ether to operate on him, objected strenuously, and when the doctor explained that it would put him into a harmless sleep and alleviate the pain while operating, she said doubtfully, "But Doc, I ain't never heerd of it!" Most of us belong to that school of Missourians who "gotta be showed and can't be driven." Try to drive fish to the net and they will all scatter, but they can be coaxed with the proper bait.

Some are like the Irishman who jumped into the middle of an argument with all four feet, crying, "I don't know what you're talking about, but whatever it is I'm agin it." To such this article holds no interest. We are writing for the benefit of that vast number of honest, intelligent humans who want to know the truth, but don't want to be bulldozed into it, nor swallow it just because they are told it is the right thing to do. In other words, to "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a REASON of the hope that is in you." 1 Peter 3:15.

The writer, in evangelistic work, has had scores of intelligent church leaders and ministers say to him, "Brother Archer, if you 'full-gospel' people would just leave the tongues out of your preaching, your MOVEMENT WOULD SWEEP THE WORLD." To which I have always replied, "If the 'full-gospel' people leave tongues out of their message, their movement will sweep into the ditch!"

That is our message! That is what makes us what we are today—a vast army of Holy-Ghost-baptized, fire-preaching, power-endued warriors who are preaching something because they have something to preach! who are doing things because they have something with which to do it! But many will ask, "I believe in the gifts, why isn't the gift of healing or miracles or knowledge or faith just as much an evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit as speaking in other tongues?" Or, "I always felt that the fruits of the Spirit were the evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit." Indeed they are, but not the initial evidence! We can't hang out a sign "Groceries for sale" and have the customer come in and find nothing but empty shelves. And we can't hang out the sign in public of "speaking in other tongues" and have our friends take a peek "inside" and find a life of empty shelves, with no fruits of a baptized life in evidence. It isn't always the best rooster that crows the loudest.

Now for the question, "Did God choose speaking in other tongues as the initial evidence of the baptism with the Holy Spirit?" He doesn't tell us that He did or didn't, but He parades such a convincing host of witnesses before the jury that only the wilfully blind, the "whatever it is I'm agin it" class will fail to see, providing they will hear the witnesses.

Proof I. The witness of the divinely-inspired prophet Isaiah (28:11). He said that God would speak to the people with stammering lips and another tongue—and yet they wouldn't accept this divine evidence (v. 12). Some say that this refers to the converted "tongue," but Paul says it refers to speaking in other tongues (1 Cor. 14:21, 22. Read the context). It is to be given as a divine evidence of a divine indwelling.

Proof II. Everyone admits that they spoke in tongues when the Holy Ghost came in on the day of Pentecost. But of course they were ignorant heathens in those days (like Paul, who said, "I speak in tongues more than ye all") and needed such a proof; while today we are highly educated and civilized (evidence—the empty churches and full beer parlors; evidence—the world war) and we don't need any such sign! But Peter, filled and anointed and inspired with the Holy Ghost, said, Brethren, "the promise is to you and to your children, and to ALL that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call," Acts 2:39.

The writer well remembers the days when he was a preacher in the third largest Protestant denomination in the world, and proudly and loudly proclaimed that "We believe the whole Bible," our slogan being, "Where the Scripture speaks WE speak, where the Scripture is silent there is freedom of opinion." Every preacher in our movement knew Acts 2:38a, "Repent, and be baptized everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins," for that was our proof that until you were baptized you just weren't saved. But, believe it or not, none of us knew Acts 2:38b,

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Editorially Speaking

Religious War Losses ACCORDING to the *Pathfinder*, war is making a great drain on the ranks of the clergy. This is said to be particularly true in Canada where, since 1925, replacements have only been 75 per cent of losses. According to this information, annual losses sustained in the Dominion during the past decade amount to about 40 per cent in the ministry and 48 per cent in churches. "The total for the past four years is a net increase of 193 in the ministry and 202 in the number of churches."

War always causes visible loss, but there is no reason, especially here in the United States, why the church should suffer either from a decrease in membership or in spirituality. Jesus clearly taught, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it," Matt. 16:25.

In that which seems to be an individual loss there is always an individual gain, and not only is this true with individuals, but what the church loses in the line of service it certainly will gain in life, life natural and life eternal.

In the time of great troubles and impending calamities, people think more of God than when things are running smoothly, hence it is a time for the church to work. It should be a time of consecration and dedication to service, so that it will be a season of gathering, a time of harvest, a time when men and women who have given their hearts to God and dedicated their lives to Him, will work in such way as to realize an ingathering of souls for Christ. In the midst of death let there come forth life; in the midst of trouble let it be with the children of God as it was with Israel in Egypt, a continual growth in numbers as well as in reality of experience.

Missions of Mercy ACCORDING to *Religious News Service*, a New York annual conference of the Methodist Church has gone on record as reaffirming a statement adopted by the 1940 general conference of the Methodist Church which stated that the denomination "will not officially endorse, support, or participate in war." The conference report also noted that the 1940 statement declared that no church building should be used by agencies "for the promotion of war." This, of course, would have to be the attitude of any religious organization. Not only are the Methodists opposed to war, but all peoples everywhere, who are in reality Christian, are opposed to war, but it is noteworthy that there are many missions of mercy connected with war which have been imposed by immoral, irreligious, and atheistic leaders.

A further interpretation of the Methodist conference statement is, "Our conference interprets this statement to mean that church buildings are not closed to such activities as first-aid courses, the organization of relief for evacuated citizens, the preparation of clothing and bandages, etc., for the soldiers, and similar works of mercy." This kind of an interpretation could have a wide acceptance.

Though the Church of God has not gone on record as an organization advising its churches to open up for first-aid courses or other works of like nature, a great many of the local churches have offered their services in such missions of mercy. Hundreds of our members have joined Civilian Defense, accepting such posts as might be termed work of importance in helping and saving men.

The Society of Friends, commonly known as Quakers, are very pacific and have gone on record as a pacifist organization, but they are found in many war-stricken areas on missions of mercy to help those who have suffered the ravages of war. The mission of the Church of God should be a mission of mercy in any place that they have opportunity to manifest this grace which is a grace of the Spirit of God.

Sensitiveness

Time was I shrank from what was right,
From fear of what was wrong;
I would not brave the sacred fight
Because the foe was strong.

But now I cast that finer sense
And sorer shame aside;
Such dread of sin was indolence,
Such aim at heaven was pride.

So when my Savior calls I rise,
And calmly do my best;
Leaving to Him, with silent eyes
Of hope and fear, the rest.

I step, I mount, where He has led;
Men count my haltings o'er;
I know them; yet, though self I dread,
I love His precept more.

—JOHN HENRY NEWMAN.

Sowing and Reaping OVER and over again and again we have heard sermons on the text, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," and now we are also seeing fulfilled "whatsoever a nation soweth, that shall it also reap."

Recently one of America's planes which bombed Manila returned to Australia with a piece of scrap metal which had come from a Japanese bomb. The piece of metal was stamped "Ford." It was a part of the many tons of scrap metal which America has been selling to Japan for years. As long as Japan was using this scrap metal on China, America was content to keep selling it to her because of the big profits she was reaping. But now America is reaping what she sowed. The tons of scrap metal that she sold Japan to fire at others, is being hurled at American men, American planes, and American ships. Experts say that 60 per cent of the weapons Japan is employing in the Pacific were made in the United States.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: whatsoever a nation soweth, that shall a nation also reap.

Divine Behavior MME. NECKER wrote, "Behavior is the theory of manners rightly applied. Manners in sociology are an observance of the rules of etiquette." But there are certain rules of Christianity written and unwritten which, if observed, govern one's behavior. The manners of such as observe them are Christian and the behavior divine. This is the behavior that belongs to the house of God and is an epistle of greater force than that which has been written.

There Is No Water in Hell

By Jessie Mae Rose

As surely as there is a personal God and a local heaven, there is a personal devil and a local hell. We know that hell exists. The sin of the devil created it; human sin necessitates it; righteousness demands it; the black oaths fall shrinking into it; the Word of God clearly proclaims and faithfully portrays it. Hell! Hell! Hell! What a word! What a penalty! What a doom! What a destiny! It lasts forever. As long as heaven remains and God endures hell will hold its weeping, wailing, gnashing hordes.

Hell is a place of unmitigated anguish, unending suffering, active intelligence, tenacious memory; a place of remorse of conscience, vision increased, dreadful demons and devils, hope abandoned—God lost, heaven closed. Moreover, there is no water in hell to quench that maddening thirst that forever racks the tortured sufferer. Hell has gone dry. There is no water in that place of eternal fire, unending flames, and undying burning; no water to relieve the thirst that continually consumes but never detroys; no water in hell to slake the unquenchable thirst that increases with the flight of those timeless years.

How do we know there is no water in hell? In the sixteenth chapter of Luke, Jesus Himself has recorded how a rich man died and went to hell. "In hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame."

Not one drop of water in those domains of death. No water in hell to put out the fires kindled forever for the devil and his angels and all others who will walk in sin rather than walk with God! Not a drop of water in all the immeasurable reaches of that land of woe! No water to moisten the lips of the continually dying who can never die! No water in hell for devils or demons or lost humanity! No water in hell to bathe the blistering and throbbing brow of the doomed and damned!

No water in hell to relieve the hellish hearts that wear and wither, yet never consume! No water in hell for guilty souls from the days of Cain to the crimes of Judas and Pilate! Not one stream running through the realm of the lost! Not one fountain cooling the torrid and horrid air!

In hell the terrified inhabitants are sighing, crying, weeping, wailing, and dying, but never a drop of water in all that world of woe. Dry and arid winds blow across the awful measureless distances with never a rain cloud to bring relief to the suffering sinners.

On earth the rich man quaffed his liquors and poured forth his wines like rivers, and drank at fountains of water and pleasure and sin, even as he would. Now he begs for but one drop of water to cool that parched tongue. All the wealth of an empire can not bring to that land of endless woe one drop of ruby wine or one drop of water, but a waterless land is the prison house of the damned. The hell he denied and scorned, he entered at last, and found not so much as a drop of water. No water in hell! From every part of those regions of night comes the weird, unceasing cry, "Water! Water! Water! Give us water! Give us water! Water! Water!"

Drink on, revel on, ride on, wicked man, but know that God will bring thee into judgment and cast thy guilty soul into hell—a place without water. The body may fast for food for a season but water it must have or perish. What anguish like the suffering thirst! In that land into which the unrepentant sinner is now hastening with certain and measured tread, there is no water for his tongue. Not a well, spring, fountain, river, or ocean ever leaves its shores, cleaves its valleys or runs in shining rills down its mountains of desolation and darkness. A vast, unbounded empire, with never a sea in its confines and never a spring in all its domain! A desert of damnation!

O sinner, in your burning thirst that can never be quenched, memory will carry you back to the well in the old orchard, the running river across a fair land, the spring by the cottage, and a thousand rivulets where you slaked your thirst in boyhood's or manhood's years. The very memory of those days when water was everywhere will fill your soul with new horrors as you continually find that in hell there is water nowhere. O man unprepared to meet God, unrepentant of thy sins, hastening to a Christless grave and a waterless hell, with that ever-burning thirst that is forever calling for water, water, water, what a thirst! what a fate is thine! Out of the anguish thou wilt call like the rich man, and cry and plead for only one drop of water. But there is no water in hell!

Notes From My Letters . . .

J. H. Walker, General Overseer

Good News From Kentucky

From eight district conventions they have raised $2,539.53.

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Brother W. E. Raney, overseer of the Bahamas, writes that on a recent trip he was able to set a church in order at Marsh Harbor with fourteen members, and one at Man O' War with seventeen white people. He asks prayer for the members, both churches among the work there. One new church is reported at Cat Island and two are reported at Abaco Island; one is ready to be set in order at Andros, also one on Eleuthera Island. Brother Miller reported that about fourteen had received the Blessing in the meeting that had just closed on Long Island, adding nine new members.

May God bless you, Brother Raney, in the work there.

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Good News From Mississippi

Brother Cox writes the following: "Dear Brother Walker:

"Some few days ago I informed you of the destruction of the Stonefield church and parsonage in the recent storm, also the North Shady Grove church. These were the best churches on the Stonefield district, leaving a few small churches. Yesterday the district convention convened on this district in the high school building. God met with us in a great way; the offering for the orphans was $41.07, for the overseer $20, and for missions $220. This proves to me that destruction does not take away our love for God and His Church.

"All of our conventions are doing just fine. Another one was $163.52 for missions. We have raised around 90 per cent of our dollar-per-member to date, several hundred dollars more than last year. We are raising our orphanage offering

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Delkograms

D. H. Delk

True Glory

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

Paul lost all desire to boast, rave, and rant on the road to Damascus.

Why did Paul glory in the cross? Because it took the life out of the world.

Why wouldn't you pick up a dead, mortifying dog to keep? Simply because he is eternally lifeless, and if you were to buy some nice beef steak and fix it up extra good, then dangle it before his face, why wouldn't he reach out and take a bite? Simply because he's a dead dog.

The devil can dangle the attractions of this lifeless world before a crucified man, but he grabs none of it because he is dead and his life is hid with Christ in God.

I heard a man testify lately and say the reason folks backslide is they get in their own lust. James says very near the same thing. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me (submerge himself in me), let him deny (contradict) himself." It hurts to be made out a liar, and old Self will lie. He will say you need this, that, and the other. But God will supply your need (not wants). My baby has cried for my open pocketknife.

It means more to glory in the cross than to read, think, or talk about it. Talk is cheap because the supply always exceeds the demand. Words will pour out of the mouth much easier than love from the heart. Read Ezek. 33:31. Yes, that tongue will run like it has been greased, and make the noise of an empty wagon, if you are not careful.

On the train a chatty fellow asked a stranger, who didn't want to talk, if he was going far. He replied, "No, and I am forty-six, married, have a son nineteen," and several other things, then asked, "What else do you want to know?" Then the little fellow said, "What oil do you use on your tongue?"

To glory in the cross means to take pleasure in infirmities (in being frail, weak). You that were once stout, able to work and sing, are you patient now in your weakness? It means to take pleasure in necessities. Do you smile when you are needy, in a tight, and dependent on others? There is virtue like necessity.—(*Shakespeare*). But our necessities can be just an imagination.

A little girl heard her mother and father talking and laughing after she was in bed, and wanted to get up, but dared not. Next morning she says, "Mamma, you and Daddy surely had a good time last night talking and laughing. Mamma, I feel the need of a husband, I really do."

Can you glory in distresses (to be cramped, continually opposed by obstacles near about you)? Read Matt. 7: 13, 14. O Lord, give me grace enough to glory in the CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, which is true glory. Amen.

Weekly Question Box

Question: Will you please explain Luke 10:4, "Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: salute no man by the way"? Does this mean that it is wrong to preach for money, and is it wrong to give money to the church and to preachers?—*W. I. N.*

Answer: No, there is no such meaning implied, even if some people would like to have it this way. Christ merely meant that He wanted His disciples on this occasion to put their implicit confidence in Him; that without any of these things He was able to care for them and to lead them in a successful journey. This is conclusively proven in the same Gospel. See Luke 22:35, 36, "And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, Nothing. Then said he unto them, But now, ye that have a purse, let him take it, likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one." In this last passage Jesus taught His disciples that they should go out fully prepared, and then the question, Which of these is for us? Neither of them and both. No special time is specifically enjoined upon us for either, and yet there may be times of similar conditions which prompted these statements. The children of God should be fully prepared for any emergency and yet learn to trust implicitly in the One who is able to take them through.

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Question: Please explain Isa. 3:18. Does this mean that there will be a shortage of automobile tires? Is this referring to what will come in the last days?—*L. M. H.*

Answer: The scripture in the third chapter of Isaiah, verse 18, has no reference to automobile tires any more than verse 19 has reference to automobile chains and mufflers, or verse 23, automobile hoods. These were all ornaments of dress and by reading the entire third chapter of Isaiah it will be found that because Israel had become proud and, verse 16, because the daughters of Zion were haughty and walked with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they went, and making a tingling with their feet, that the Lord would reduce them to poverty, taking away all of their jewelry and fine dress. Ezek. 24:23 explains the round tires to be headdress, "And your tires shall be upon your head, and your shoes upon your feet." To place this scripture in any other setting than a prophecy of God to Israel, of how Israel would be humiliated, is placing the wrong construction upon it.

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Question: Does Psa. 81:10 refer to the ministry and signify that preachers should not study but just open their mouths and depend on God to fill them?—*L. M. H.*

Answer: This scripture is easily understood. Let us hear the entire verse: "I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it." This sounds very similar to the words of David in Psa. 23, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." What is the implication, since God is God, whether He Himself is reminding Israel of the fact or whether Israel is speaking to Him? Since God is the God who brought them out of Egypt, He is still able to take care of them, and those who trust in Him shall not want. They may open their mouths and He will fill them. In other words, He will take care of all of those who trust in Him and will feed them.

There is not a passage in the Word of God to justify laziness. There is not a passage in the Word of God to justify the preacher in not studying. If the minister is to be a teacher, he must study that he may know something to teach others. If he be a leader, he must have knowledge to lead. Most every schoolboy knows Paul's injunction to Timothy, 2 Tim. 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." It is truthfully spoken, "God's people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," and knowledge is acquired through study.

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Question: Please explain 1 John 3:6, "Whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him." Does this mean that if a man sin, he has not been saved? Please explain for me.—*J. A. H.*

Answer: This is another instance where it is necessary to read the entire verse, and it will even give a better understanding to read the entire First Epistle of John. Note the first part of this verse, "Who-

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Foreign Missions

Pray For Our Missionaries

THE EDITOR

With the Pearl Harbor incident, all communication with Brother Paul C. Pitt, of China, has been cut off. Brother Pitt was in Japanese-occupied territory but as long as relations between the United States and Japan existed, we were able to get money to him, and Brother Pitt was getting along with the Japanese and was carrying on his work in a wonderful way. Now we can not get a message either to or from him, except by way of the throne of God. Remember Brother Pitt in prayer.

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We have not heard from Brother Lauster, of Germany, since his camouflaged letter of last year. At that time he said, "The bees are making more honey," which led us to believe that even though there were stings, God was still blessing their labor. All communication is possibly cut off for the duration, but the Church of God must continue to pray for Brother and Sister Lauster.

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A letter from the Cooks, of India, acknowledging receipt of a missionary allotment, was received April 29. It had been nearly four months in transit. Two months ago the Church wired return passage to Brother and Sister Case but to date they have been unable to obtain passports. We are still able to get help to our missionaries in India by wire.

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Spiritual and temporal care for our missions is greatly needed. Those who are on the field must be taken care of where we can possibly find a way, and an unbroken chain of prayer for their welfare must flow unceasingly to our heavenly Father.

From Chorillo, Panama, R. P.

We are praising our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the way He is blessing us here at Chorillo, Panama, R. P. For the past quarter we have had wonderful times with our brethren from Jamaica. We are thanking God for them. They are really a blessing to us. Their encouraging words have revived our souls and strengthened us to go forward.

At our harvest Thanksgiving service, fruits, vegetables, and many other precious gifts were given by the members. We had a wonderful time. Representatives from various churches delivered addresses which were appreciated, along with other items of interest. Truly this was a real representation of our great Husbandman when He shall thrust in His sickle for that great harvest. Let us be careful, dear saints of God, what kind of seed we sow, so that when the gathering day shall come, we shall, by the grace of God, stand on the right side of our Savior as wheat. Brother Stirling, who is representing the Church of God of Jamaica, was very impressive concerning the Church of God and its doctrine, which is the pillar and ground of the truth. Our leader, Evangelist Louise B. Catherwood, gave a wonderful exhortation and thanked all the representatives, members and friends, for their love and encouragement and their wonderful gifts. These gifts were distributed to the poor.

Another pleasant time was had on April 6, Easter Sunday, by the Sunday school children. Truly God's blessings were on this event. To encourage the children, a feast of ice cream, cakes, candy, and other nice things was given to them.

We thank God for what He has done for us, and also for what He is going to do, for we are believing Him for greater things. Pray for us, dear saints; pray for the Church in Panama. Sanballat and Tobiah are behind us but we have a mind to work and we are not coming down. Pray for our leader, that God will bless her. We love her because we see Christ in her life. Pray for all of us here. —Evangelist Inez Roach.

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Enjoying Salvation in Jamaica

HANOVER, MARYLAND, P. O., Jamaica, B. W. I.—I am very glad to tell you about our new pastor who is Rev. J. M. Miller. He visited the church at Glen's View on March 29, 1942. Oh, his first message to the Glen's View saints was vivid, his subject was "Spiritual Complacency." Many who were going backward came back to their former place, those who were sleeping spiritually awoke from their sleepiness, and the weak ones received strength. We believe that Brother Miller will be a blessing in our community, if we only pray.

Our church is on fire. Eighteen members were added in the month of March, and twenty-five were saved. I am asking you sincerely to pray for our new pastor, also Elder G. A. Thomas, our former pastor. I am asking for prayer for Brother Thomas because he is surely a blessing, too. I can say he is a man of God who is determined each day to fight the good fight, to win lost souls for the kingdom. I also ask prayer for myself and family. Nine out of the family are saved and five filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise God, we are enjoying the sweetness of salvation. We surely have a happy time in Jesus.—Vera Bean, clerk.

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God Is With Us in Jamaica

Dear Evangel Readers:

Greetings in Jesus' dear name! I will never forget that blessed day when Jesus took my sins away. I just want to tell of the many good blessings that God showers on us here in Jamaica.

First I want to thank the Lord for Brother Camp, who, with the good Lord, did much good. Brother Camp's stay in the Island of Jamaica, I believe, was enjoyed by all the saints, in fact, by all the natives with whom he met. It brought tears to our eyes when he, with his family, took the plane early in December and went back to America. I believe they, too, must have had sorrow leaving Jamaica so suddenly, but they, with us, will have to say with the writer, "Where He leads, we will follow." We pray that God will bless his efforts wherever he may be.

Now we have Rev. S. M. Pearson and his beloved wife with us in Jamaica. God surely sent these precious people here to help us and be a blessing to us. They have had very much work to do, since they have been left here alone. As far as I can see, every moment of their lives is spent working for Christ and His Church. Truly, I can say they are real soldiers of the cross. Brothers and sisters, I am not exaggerating when I say that they are among the best honest-hearted, Bible Christians. They are the only two white missionaries that we have in Jamaica. The work gets harder, since it seems to increase every day, but they put forth the best of their efforts without

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District Conventions

Roanoke, Va., District Convention

The Roanoke district convention has come and gone but the memory and effects of it will long remain. God set His seal upon it from the very first song, sung as only Spirit-filled saints can sing. There was a spirit of fellowship that was akin to heaven, and many were the shouts of praise from the happy saints, as the power of God came down in waves of glory that would remind one of *another Pentecost.*

The welcome address was delivered by Rev. Newton Ward, local pastor and district overseer, but we didn't need this to make us feel welcome, as the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost had already made us feel welcome. Responses were given by Rev. T. O. Dennis, pastor of Mt. Hermon, and Sister Helen L. Morrow, of Fort Mill, S. C. The ministers who brought messages were Rev. W. M. Morrow, Brother H. H. Hungate, pastor of Radford, Brother J. G. Houch, pastor of Danville, Brother J. M. Snyder, pastor of Monroe, Rev. C. M. Keys, pastor of Pulaski, and Rev. T. W. Norris, pastor of Richmond.

A real soul-stirring message was delivered on missions by our state overseer, Brother W. E. Johnson, and a mission offering was taken amounting to somewhere around $130.00. This may not look like a very large mission offering to some of the larger states, but considering that only a few years ago the mission offering in the state convention didn't even come up to this, we feel that we are at least on the way up.

Special singing was rendered by the Ward trio, Brother and Sister Norris, Brother T. O. Dennis, and others.

The convention ended, as all good things must in this world, and the ministers went back to their work feeling refreshed and with a determination to work harder for God than ever before.—W. H. Ward.

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Greensboro, N. C., Dist. Convention

The Greensboro, N. C., district convention convened April 25, 26, in High Point, with the district overseer, Rev. G. H. Grooms, in charge.

Our state overseer, Rev. E. M. Ellis, brought the evening message on "Bible Order." He made us realize we should be orderly as individuals, families, business people, and as a church. We praise the Lord for the great organized program of the Church of God.

Rev. J. L. Stephens made some inspiring remarks in a short talk on Sunday morning. Brother E. M. Ellis brought another timely message on "The Terror of Fifth Columnists," after which a mission offering of approximately $200.00 was taken.

Clerks and pastors gave fine reports in the afternoon and everyone left with a greater zeal to accomplish something for God.

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COVINGTON, La.—On April 19 we met at the New Hope church for our home-coming day. Our district pastor, Brother Carter, was with us and preached a mission sermon that made us all feel like giving our last nickel for the mission cause. Our offering was $26.25. We only have sixteen members at New Hope and we almost have $2.00 per member and by the help of the Lord we expect to have that amount by our convention.

A lot of good people from Covington were with us and we thank God for their cooperation. After our first service we had dinner on the ground.

For the evening Brother Bennie Ervin brought a wonderful message on "The Way." We also had an old time praise service in which the Lord blessed our souls. We thank the Lord for the good people at New Hope. We have enjoyed working with them this year. We are looking forward to a great revival there and praying that there will be many souls saved.—Louis Glass.

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BRODHEAD, Ky.—I praise the Lord for His great salvation and wonderful blessing and His good people who are willing to work for Him. We have a good little group of people here at Brodhead who are trying to do their part. We are over the top on everything. We have our mission offering of $19.50 and $12.00 for the orphans to take with us to our district convention. We are a small church but are working for God. Please pray for us, that we will do more for God.—W. L. Bloomfield.

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District S. S. and Y. P. E. Convention at Crystal River

Our district Sunday school and Y. P. E. convention convened April 19 at Crystal River, Florida. The convention was good from beginning to end. We had some wonderful preaching in the morning service by Brother Johnson, our state superintendent, preceded by some good singing. In the afternoon we had a wonderful sermon by Rev. D. C. Barnes, district pastor, after which a short message was brought by Brother Johnson and the Orphanage offering was taken, which amounted to $50.00. It seemed that the people enjoyed giving to the support of the boys and girls. The service closed with a good spirit.—Rev. H. B. Rowell.

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Cantwell, Mo., District Convention

The Cantwell, Missouri, district convention convened in St. Louis, Missouri, corner Vista and Newstead, April 24-26. This was the first convention of this type ever held in St. Louis and this newly acquired property served the purpose well. In fact, the entire convention from the first service to the last was one of the best ever held in Missouri.

Figuratively speaking, God had wound a large holiness convention clock which ticked off good hospitality, good attendance, good music, good singing, good sermons, good altar services, good finance, good management, and many other good things that help to make a successful convention.

We appreciate the unceasing efforts of our state and district overseers, Rev. Houston R. Morehead and Rev. John Q. Yates, who so faithfully worked to make this convention a success. We are thankful for the outlook for the work in general on the Cantwell district.

We were fortunate to have several out-of-state ministers, singers and delegates at this convention.

We, too, are so thankful for our splendid mission offering of $150, which is by far the largest ever raised on this district. The entire financial program of this convention was quite successful.

In conclusion, I will say the good spirituality and complete success of this convention was possible only because God was for us and to Him be the glory and the praise and the honor forever and ever. Amen.—Earl T. Golden.

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Pulaski, Va., District Convention

The Pulaski district convention of the Church of God convened at Radford, Va., May 1-3. From beginning to end our souls were fed and made to rejoice because of the presence of God and outpouring of His precious Spirit. Many remarked that it was equal to a state con-

Western Canada Conv'n., at Robsart, Sask., May 29-31

vention. It was a real pleasure to have with us ministers and visitors from other places; Roanoke, Danville, W. Va., Chilhowie, Marion, and several from the New River district. Some of these visitors brought forth some very able messages and special singing, which we appreciated very highly, along with the special numbers by the various churches of the district. Each report from the pastors, L.W.W.B. and Y.P.E. representatives showed a beautiful picture of willingness and cooperation. Surely God's Church will be composed of "workers and walkers."

As much as we had enjoyed the feast it wasn't complete until after Brother Johnson, our state overseer, had delivered a very fitting and able message on "Our Mission Work." God anointed him and blessed our hearts in this message. The amount for missions from this district was $161.47.

In behalf of the laity of our district, I wish to express deep appreciation for our state Y.P.E. and Sunday school superintendent, Brother Johnson, district Y.P.E. and Sunday school superintendent, Brother Keys, and for each of our pastors. Remember our district in your prayers. — Minnie Swain.

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Carlsbad, N. Mex., Dist. Convention

The Church of God district convention convened at Carlsbad, N. Mex., May 1-3, with Rev. H. E. Ramsey, state overseer, and Rev. B. A. Ratchford, district overseer, in charge. Every service was greatly enjoyed as the presence of the Lord was with us in a very gracious way throughout the services. Friday evening service was opened with prayer and good singing, then Brother Suiter, pastor of Hobbs church, was on the program to bring the message, but he spoke only a short time when the Holy Ghost took charge of the service and an altar call was given with several responding.

Saturday services were good. Brother Pennington, of Jal, brought a message which was enjoyed by all. The house was filled to its capacity and the altar filled at the close of the service with people seeking God.

We met Sunday morning for another wonderful service. The Holy Ghost took charge and people began calling on God. Men came to the altar during this convention, who had never made a start for God before. Several were saved and reclaimed.

The house was filled Sunday night. Brother Ramsey delivered a soul-stirring message and the Lord blessed in a great way. We feel that better things are in store for the Carlsbad church.—Ada Toothman.

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Arizona State Camp Meeting and Convention

The Arizona state camp meeting and convention is now past and surely this convention has made history for the Church of God in Arizona.

Brother Burroughs did some powerful preaching and the Holy Ghost was present in every service. Then, of course, Brother Paulk's coming added much with his good messages, and our souls were fed.

The people in Arizona have a vision for missions. Praise God.

Much could be said in honor of our good state overseer, Brother Rains, and wife; nor can we fail to honor our good pastors and wives and the laity who stood by with their efforts and prayers to make this meeting a success.

Pray much for Arizona. We feel that the shortage of gas will hinder our progress some. We see, however, by faith a great day ahead for Arizona.—Mrs. Minnie Robins.

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Clinton, Ill., District Convention

The Church of God at Clinton has been newly decorated this spring and the district convention was held there May 2, 3, with great victory from the first service.

We had excellent preaching and fifteen preachers were present Saturday evening, also good crowds. We received $102.27 in the mission offering and we truly thank the Lord. We appreciate our faithful pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Jenkins.—Sister Clarissa Sumrall.

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Telegram From Dunn, N. Carolina

We have just closed the greatest Sunday school and Y. P. E. convention North Carolina has had this year. We raised $523.08 for our orphans. — J. L. Underwood, pastor, Erwin district.

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Special Telegram From California State Convention

Great convention; attendance good; mission offering, $500; orphanage offering, $230; subscriptions to Evangel, 100; 16 joined the Church, five ministers.—Earl P. Paulk.

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GREAT FALLS, S. C.—The Lancaster district Y.P.E. and Sunday school convention convened at Great Falls, S. C., April 18, 19. There was good singing and speaking. Each speaker was at his best and each sermon was enjoyed very much. The church here was encouraged to press on and do more. There was an orphanage offering of $158.00, including pledges, received. Everything went well. Our state Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent, Rev. C. O. Johnson, Jr., was in charge.

Fifty Baptized in Water

CRONKS, Ky.—On May 1, Brother T. M. McClendon set a new church in order on Mill Creek at Cronks, Ky., in Harlan county, near the Virginia and Kentucky state line. A collection of $20.00 was taken to buy seats for the little new church, and a $7.00 offering was given for the orphans' home. Thirty-two were fellowshiped into the church and three more came in by transfer, making the total thirty-five members.

Brother Herbert Stone and Brother Emmitt Richardson, of St. Charles, Va., conducted a three weeks' revival before the church was established on Mill Creek. Forty-two were saved, twenty-two sanctified, and fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Emmitt Richardson was appointed pastor and Brother Ira Engle was selected for clerk. Fifty were baptized Sunday, May 3. Brother Hall, of Cawood church, attended the baptizing and three of his members were baptized and we all had a wonderful time in the Lord. This was the largest baptizing ever known in Harlan county, Ky.—Ira Engle.

Visit to Penitentiary

MENARD, Ill.—On Sunday, April 12, I preached to one thousand men at the Illinois state penitentiary, at Menard, on the subject, "What Is Man?" Psa. 8:4. The Lord's presence was felt in a wonderful way as the men seemed swayed by the power of God.

The kind-hearted chaplain, Rev. C. J. Piland, gave complimentary remarks to the prisoners after the message.

I was accompanied by my husband, Mr. A. M. Dame, and a quintette from the W. Frankfort Church of God; namely, Earl Chiles, Everett Toms, Edward Atkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Sims. They rendered wonderful service in song and music. We were all dinner guests of the chaplain. I addressed a good crowd at my home church, where Rev. T. F. Blackwell is pastor, that evening on the theme, "Christian Fellowship."—Mrs. Nona Dame.

The lying tongue is the devil's paint brush; while deceit furnishes the paint.

Illinois State Convention, at Benton, June 5-7

----Golden Gleanings----

FROM HERE . . . . . THERE . . . . . EVERYWHERE

From a Tither

Don't Read This if Money Talk Bothers You!

An Indian one day asked a preacher to give him two $1.00 bills for a $2.00 bill. The preacher asked, "Why?" The Indian replied, "$1.00 for me to give to Jesus, and $1.00 for my wife to give." The preacher asked him if it was all the money he had. He said, "Yes."

The preacher was about to tell him, "It is too much," when the missionary to the Indians, who was standing by, whispered: "It might be too much for a white man to give, but not too much for an Indian who has this year heard for the first time of the love of Jesus."—*The Brethren Missionary Herald.*

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A Christian general was once seen talking to a poor old woman. Friends remonstrated with him, saying, "You ought to consider your rank." The general answered, "What if my Lord had considered His rank?"—*Selected.*

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My Church

My church is where the Word of God is preached, the power of God is felt, the Spirit of God is manifested, the love of God revealed, and the unity of God is perceived.

It is the home of my soul, the altar of my devotions, the hearth of my faith, the center of my affections, and the foretaste of heaven.

I have united with it in solemn covenant, pledging myself to attend its services, to pray for its members, to give to its support, and to obey its laws.

It claims the first place in my heart, the highest place in my mind, the principal place in my activities, and its unity, peace, and progress are ever my concern.

I owe it my zeal, my benevolence, and my prayers. When I neglect its services, I injure its good name, I lessen its power, I discourage its members, and I chill my own soul.

I have solemnly promised in the sight of God and men to advance its interests by faithful attendance, by reading the Holy Bible, by never neglecting its ordinances, by contributing to its support, by meeting with my fellow members, by watching over their welfare, and by joining with them in prayer, praise and service; and that promise I this day renew, before God my Father, Christ my Redeemer, and the Holy Ghost my Sanctifier.—*John Bunyan Smith.*

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A Prayer For Holiness

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hate that I may bring love, where there is offence that I may bring pardon, where there is discord that I may bring union, where there is error that I may bring truth, where there is doubt that I may bring faith, where there is despair that I may bring hope, where there is darkness that I may bring light, where there is sadness that I may bring joy. O Master, make me not so much to be consoled as to console; not so much to be loved as to love; not so much to be understood as to understand; for it is in giving that one receives; it is in self-forgetfulness that one finds; it is in pardoning that one is pardoned; it is in doing that one finds eternal bliss.—Found in an old church, in *The Pentecostal Evangel.*

The Famous Epitaph of Kirby Essex, England

The following words are taken from a 500-year-old tombstone in the Church of Kirby cemetery:

When pictures look alive with movements free—
When ships like fishes swim beneath the sea—
When men outstriping birds shall scan the sky—
Then half the world deep drenched in blood shall lie!

—Sent in by Mrs. J. J. Bradbury, Pisgah, Ala.

The Shepherd's Voice

The sheep of the Good Shepherd always know the voice of the Shepherd. They hear His voice and they learn to obey His voice. This world is filled with a medley of voices. If it were impossible for the sheep to learn to know the voice of the Shepherd, it would be just too bad. There is the voice of the Good Shepherd; there is the voice of Satan; there is the voice of all kinds of allurements; there are tender voices; there are sweet voices; there are loud voices; there are soft voices; there are familiar voices; there are strange voices. Let us learn to know the pleasing voice of our Divine Shepherd. Let us above all learn to *obey* His voice. What a life of strength and victory will be ours as we do this.

"When he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they *know* his voice." How gracious that voice as it comes to the ears of His child. He is able to encourage His child through some divine promise, exceeding great and precious, which will bring cheer and satisfaction to the heart and life. Let Him speak to you. Trust Him to comfort and sustain you in whatever circumstances and surroundings He may see fit to place you. It is possible to be so taken up with Him that none of these earthly things will move you. You are a "sheep," and you will *know* His voice.—*Ed., Gospel Herald.*

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The Spirit of Jugoslavia

Simultaneously this mood seized the idealistic young army officers, and on the night of March 27—"looking like avenging angels"—they forced out the old government and made room for one that would not tolerate a pact with Hitler.

"Suddenly we shed the shame of the previous weeks," an eyewitness told me, "and we experienced an indescribable ecstasy. It was beautiful early-spring weather; multitudes jammed the streets of Belgrade. People danced, sang, laughed. We all knew it was the end, but we were terribly happy. Strangers and political adversaries embraced joyfully in public.

"We chose our doom. We knew that in equipment our army was no match for Hitler's, and he would strike at any moment. But the people said: 'Whatever befalls us will be better than the degradation of officially permitting Nazi troops to go through Yugoslavia to finish off the Greeks.' Others said: 'Ultimately God and His right will prevail.'—'You cannot fail if you stand up against infamy and for what is right, even if in doing so you die.' "—*Louis Adamic, in The National Prohibitionist.*

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Sermonette

America is passing through her hour of Calvary. This hour of trial must include self-humiliation and sacrifice. We can humiliate ourselves by recognizing that only by and through God can we

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Requests For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these requests it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take these to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.

Pray For

The healing of my body as I have bad spells with my head. I get cold all over and my head hot. I have had a spell like that every week for three weeks. It doesn't seem that I can stand many more.—Darie St. John, Pell City, Ala.

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My loved ones who are in sin. We have one child in the army and two more children at home unsaved; also my companion to get back to God.—Mrs. D. Phillips, Pinsonfork, Ky.

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God to undertake and heal me. If He doesn't, I will have to go to the hospital and be operated on.—Mrs. Gladys Smith, Hollandale, Miss.

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The healing of Sister Georgia Lambert, of Stringtown, Ky.; Miss Mary Crabtree who has been ill for sometime; me to be healed of eczema; an unspoken request.—Mrs. Lee Porter, Road Fork, Ky.

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The complete healing of my body.—Mrs. G. B. Rodgers, Greenville, N. C.

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Me to be healed of something like stomach trouble; loved ones to be saved. —Alfred Talley, Rt. 1, Empire, Ala.

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Me to be healed of a cancer on my face; my family to be saved.—Mrs. Jack Taylor, Blackshear, Ga.

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My little girl to be healed of ivy poison; me to get more strength in my body and be completely healed of sinus trouble.—Sister Zyepher Davis, Troy, Tenn.

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The healing of my baby's body.—Mrs. A. O. Wood, Calhoun, Ga.

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My home to be restored.—Mrs. Annie Bounds, Rt. 3, Box 95, Albany, Ga.

The healing of my body of several ailments; my cousin, Ruby McClamma, Largo, Fla., to be healed of epileptic fits, also to be saved; our church at Midway. —Eliza Webb, Rt. A, Madison, Fla.

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The healing of my body, also that I will be reclaimed.—Mrs. G. E. Wade, Rt. 1, Box 71, Elko, S. C.

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Me to be healed, I don't have much blood and my heart is weak, also other things are wrong with me.—Sister Altha Williams, Washington, N. C.

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The healing of my body of some kind of spells and weak nerves.—Mrs. M. B. Sturkie, Florence, S. C.

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My daughter's healing as she is very ill with T. B.—Mrs. Villa Hebb, Saint George, W. Va.

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The healing of my suffering body; special unspoken request; the healing of other members of my family.—A sister in the Lord, McMinnville, Tenn.

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My sister-in-law who is in bed and can't walk. Her address is Mrs. Raymond Withrow, 8th St., Rochelle, Ill.—Mrs. Opal Solomon, R. R. 1, Fairfield, Ill.

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My daughter who is in bed with head trouble and high fevers.—Mrs. Rutha Mitchell, Emory, Tex.

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My mother and me to be healed. My mother has sugar diabetes and I have rheumatism.—Nell Maynes, Lowell, N. C.

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My brother who cut two of his toes nearly off.—Mrs. Cleve Varnes, Hilliard, Fla.

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God to heal my son of rupture of the stomach and save his soul; the healing of my body.—Sister Johnson, Napfor, Ky.

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The healing of my feet of athlete's foot.—Vardamon Dyson, Darlove, Miss.

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My daughter to be healed of something like rheumatism in her knee; my father to be healed of heart trouble; the healing of my mother.—Mrs. Nora Paynter, Mallory, W. Va.

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The healing of my body.—Mrs. Nellie Perkins, Octagon, Ala.

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My healing, for I am very sick.—Mrs. Leala McIva, Whitmire, S. C.

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The Lord to undertake for the healing of my body.—Sadie Wroten, Cambridge, Md.

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My baby who is a month old, who is sick with his stomach.—Inez Buchler, Paris, Ky.

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My eyes to be healed.—Jess Pildrim, Edwardsville, Ala.

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Me to be healed of some kind of head trouble; unspoken request.—Sara Rakistraw, Ala.

Deaths

CLEVENGER

Sister Marlene Clevenger, a loyal and faithful member of the Church of God at Salem, W. Va., went to be with Jesus April 20, 1942, leaving her husband and five little children.—B. F. Cooper, her pastor.

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CAIN

Brother William Cain was born Nov. 5, 1881, and departed this life Dec. 22, 1941. He was a true Christian and a regular attendant of the Church of God until the end.—Carrie Stringer, his pastor, St. Louis, Mo.

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HICKS

Brother Robert J. Hicks, born January 29, 1895, departed this life March 10, 1942; age forty-seven. He was a faithful member and choir leader of the Church of God at West Gastonia, N. C., for a number of years.—A daughter, Mrs. Lois Jenkins, Culberson, N. C.

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HAM

Mary T. Ham, mother of Sister Amelia Shumaker, went to be with Jesus April 29, 1942, at the age of eighty-six years. Pray for Sister Shumaker.—Martha Zimmerlin, 3159 Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.

Successful Revival

CHRISTIAN, W. Va.—The Church of God at Christian wishes to thank God for a successful revival held here by Sister Daisy Nance. God surely did bless in a mighty way. There were fifty-seven saved, forty-six sanctified, thirty-three filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-eight baptized in water. We wish to thank God for a servant like Sister Nance. She will always find a warm welcome among the saints and sinners here. —Orland Willard.

Revivals of Interest

CHILHOWIE, Va.—A good revival recently closed at the Church of God here. After much perseverance in prayer, the revival flame began to grow and spread. The interest was good, the crowds were large and conviction strong. Night after night the long altar was filled with seekers. Some nights the meetings lasted until past midnight. Some received the Holy Ghost, ten or twelve were sanctified, and about twenty-five converted. A goodly number were baptized and united with the church. The revival fire is burning and God is blessing.

Rev. Craig M. Roseman was the evangelist. His messages seemingly went straight to the hearts of both saints and sinners. His ministry was deeply appreciated by those who heard him.—O. I. Baney.

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CHRISTIAN, W. Va. — We thank God for the revival we just closed at Christian which ran almost five weeks. Sixty were saved, forty-five were sanctified and thirty-two baptized with the precious Holy Ghost. Every night the Lord met with us in a great way. The power of God was manifested in our midst so great that there would be five and six lying prostrate under the power of God. I thank God for the good pastor, Van D. Browning, and his wife who stood so true and faithful to the very last, also the good saints at Christian who were so faithful and true. May God's richest blessings rest upon the Church of God at Christian.—Daisy Nance.

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BEAUFORT, S. C.—We are glad to report the revival that just closed here. It was held by Sister Nettie Hanvey and the Hanvey trio. The preaching was enjoyed very much, also the singing. The Hanvey trio is certainly to be appreciated. The Lord met with us in a wonderful way. We had ten saved, seven sanctified, and nine filled with the Holy Ghost. Six received the Holy Ghost in one service. One was added to the church. We are indeed praising the Lord for the wonderful way in which He is blessing us here at Beaufort. We are in a church building program. Pray for us that we will soon have the church finished so that we may worship in it.—Mrs. J. A. Mason.

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BOSWELL, Pa.—We praise the Lord for an old time Pentecostal revival that started Tuesday, March 17, and closed Sunday, April 12. God placed His smile of approval on this meeting. The sweet Holy Ghost was in every service. Ten souls found Jesus, six were sanctified and six filled with the Holy Ghost. Three were added to the church. Sister Bertha G. Shideler was the evangelist. God used her in this town. The local church has taken on new zeal to work for the Lord and His Church.—Harold R. Petton, 617 E. Main St.

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The young people of the Church of God at Electra, Tex., sponsored and conducted a revival in which about twenty-five experiences with God were received, several of them Holy Ghost baptisms.

The evangelist, Rev. Glynn Weatherby, a young man and a Bible school graduate, delivered brief but effective messages each evening and attracted new interests which continue to be a blessing.

The young people, who bore on their own youthful but trustworthy shoulders the full weight of responsibility, are remarkably blessed.—Hoyt Bridges.

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BARBOURVILLE, Ky.—A good revival closed here with Rev. J. W. Truett, of Electra, Texas, as evangelist. Nine professed being saved. Brother Truett is a fine evangelist. This was our third revival this Assembly year. We hope to have one more this year. We were thankful for the offering which was brought forward for the Orphanage on Easter Sunday. We have some of as loyal members here as there are anywhere. It is a pleasure to work with loyal-hearted members.—George L. Cravens.

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NEESES, S. C.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival at Neeses Church of God with Brother and Sister Carroll as evangelists. The Lord wonderfully blessed. Twenty-two were saved, eleven sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, three added to the church, and three baptized in water.—Rev. D. W. Moody.

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WALTERBORO, S. C. — We are in the midst of a glorious revival at Iva, S. C. Sixteen have been saved already and a number sanctified. One received the Holy Ghost and two were added to the church. This is only the second week and the end is not yet. Last month we ran a meeting in Beaufort in which ten received the Holy Ghost.—Nettie Hanvey.

On February 22, 1942, we began a revival at Vanceburg, Kentucky. One received the Holy Ghost and the church was blessed. From there we went to Blue Creek, Ohio. On March 10 we started a meeting on Sunshine Ridge and three were saved, three sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. One came into the church the last night of the meeting. Over eighteen were in the altar. We are now in a revival at Harris, Kentucky. Will all of you pray for us? —S. C. Elrod.

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HOPE MILLS, N. C.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival with Brother C. E. Comer, evangelist, doing the preaching. God wonderfully blessed in this revival. There were eight saved, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and the church greatly benefited. —O. B. Martin, Box 613.

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On Sunday night, March 29, a revival was opened here at Deadman's Cay Church of God. The inspiring messages that Brother Leroy Cartwright brought will linger long in the minds of those who attended. I believe it will last until Jesus comes. The saints were greatly encouraged to press on. When you pray please remember Deadman's Cay. Many souls desire to seek the Lord but are hindered in many ways. The revival was brought to a close with many souls unprepared to meet God. Pray that I will be somewhere working for Him when He calls. — Elfreeda Knowles, Deadman's Cay, Long Island, Bahamas.

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EDINBURG, Tex.—We are in one of the best revivals we have had in a long time down here in the Lower Rio Grand Valley. Five were in the altar the first night. Brother W. W. Smethers is doing the preaching. The house is full every night. Monday night is no blue night here, the house is full the same. Pray lots for us, we are a long way off, in ten miles of the border.—R. O. Woodruff, pastor.

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BAXTER, Tenn.—We thank God for blessing us in Baxter. We have prayer meeting at my house every Friday night, and down at Sister Ruby Wheeler's Tuesday nights we have Y.P.E. On Thursdays we have the L.W.W.B. meeting at Sister Kilgore's. We are just a few members here, but God blesses us. We have a church set in order now and have bought a lot. We know the Lord will help us as we want to build an arbor. Pray for this place.—Maie Lewis, Rt. 1.

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DILLON, S. C.—We are having a grand time in our Y.P.E. There are nineteen young girls under the age of nineteen

years who have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost in our meetings, besides the other grownups. I haven't been saved but a few weeks. I desire an interest in your prayers for me and also our Y.P.E.—Gertrude Hewitt, Rt. 1.

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MIDDLESSEX, N. C.—Brother I. H. Hinton, Sr., has just closed a five weeks' revival here. Fourteen were saved, twelve sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water, and ten added to the Church. We praise God for it all. We fasted and prayed for a revival and God heard and answered our prayers. We were privileged to see our pastor's oldest son and my brother saved. Pray that they will press on and get the Holy Ghost.—Miss Mavis Ann Hopkins.

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CHARLESTON, Miss.—Our revival began April 4 with great interest and large crowds. It was conducted by our beloved Y. P. E. and Sunday school state superintendent, Rev. Wroten Dunn, and his twin sisters. Brother Dunn's father came over for the first two services and preached the first two sermons, which were inspiring and uplifting.

Easter Sunday we had a wonderful time with the Lord. We took a special offering amounting to somewhere near $15.00.

Our services continued with great power and victory. The Lord came down and blessed in a wonderful way. There were thirteen saved, eleven sanctified, twelve filled with the blessed Holy Ghost and seven united with the church. Our services ran only eleven nights.

Our Y. P. E. and Sunday school district convention convened April 11-12 with wonderful success and a large crowd. Our orphanage offering for our convention was $31.72.

Pray for Friendship church, that it will ever be on fire for God.—Mrs. F. W. Alexander.

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ROCHESTER, Tex.—I am still praising the Lord for what He is doing at Rochester. We have just closed a revival, nine being saved. Brother Chester Stricklin, an Assembly of God preacher, came to visit relatives and did the preaching. The Lord was in every service and wonderfully blessed.

I want to praise God because the Church of God at Rochester has gone over the top on everything so far this year. I also praise Him for His healing power.—Grace Keeney.

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OKEECHOBEE, Fla.—We praise the Lord for the good revival that was conducted here by Brother and Sister J. H. McDowell. The Lord was in every service. There were six saved, five sanctified, and five baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Pray for us, that God will give us the greatest year for God that this church has ever had.—Mrs. T. Z. Bennett.

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ROBINSON, Ill.—We have just closed a good revival here, conducted by a young evangelist twenty-one years old, Olly W. Polen, of 822 Maple Ave., Findlay, Ohio. This was his first revival, yet he preached under the anointing of the Lord. There were new people every night to hear him. Five were saved, five reclaimed, four received the Holy Ghost, and the saints were built up.—Mrs. Nona Dame.

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LEWISTOWN, Mont.—A four weeks' revival, ending May 3, with Brother Glen Clark doing the preaching, is in history and we have some results that we thank God for. Truly the revival was a success as the messages that Brother Clark preached dug deep and many were made to feel the soon coming of the Lord, and others that were cold in their experience began to apologize and make restitutions to one another and God came down in a wonderful way. We can say with an honest heart that we are in a better spiritual condition.—George Savchenko.

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MATEWAN, W. Va.—We recently conducted a four weeks' revival at the Church of God, N. Matewan, W. Va. Also broadcasted five days every week over radio station WBTH, Williamson, W. Va. I also addressed the Matewan Rotary Club on "The War in the Light of Bible Prophecy." Pray for us.—Russell and Dorothea Ford.

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WALKER, La.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival at Cedar Dale church with Sister Eula May Poole, of New Orleans, doing the preaching. The services were blessed by the Lord through her wonderful preaching. The church was encouraged and built up spiritually. One prayed through to the victory, one was saved, and two added to the church. The revival closed with a wonderful communion service which proved a great blessing to all present. Brother A. E. Taylor is our pastor. We feel encouraged to move forward.—Mrs. W. A. Rogers.

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MARIANNA, Fla. — We have just closed a three weeks' revival here at the Church of God in Marianna with Sister Edna Denmark doing the preaching and God blessing in every service. There were four saved, two sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We are looking forward to the time when Sister Denmark and her coworkers can be with us again.—Rev. Cecil Hand.

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"AND ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." It is almost impossible for me to believe now that I was so utterly blind as to use the first part of Acts 2: 38 and never even saw the second half and that big connecting word, "AND." But the first proved my belief of that time and the second contradicted my unbelief. It is a pity that we often put denominational blindfolds over our eyes and refuse to see.

We used to fish off the California coast in 600 feet of water, bringing up large red fish. When they reached the surface their eyes would pop out and their air bladders would shove out their mouths, because they had lived all their lives under the heavy pressure of 600 feet of dark water. And when Jesus yanked the self-imposed blindfold off my eyes and showed me that "this is that"—Acts 2:16—my eyes popped out and my tongue hung out in utter astonishment at my blindness of living under such a pressure of dark formalism, without the beautiful light of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Proof III. Peter was also a staunch UNBELIEVER in things that were not "customary.'" He did not believe the Gentiles had any right to the gospel. God had to demonstrate in miraculous power to Peter to convince him, just like He has had to do to a lot of us. We may not be heathens but we have the same dispositions now that they had in Peter's time. What better proof have we of that than the stubborn clinging to old-fashioned war methods by the old heads in a time of streamlined war? like the old lady who said, "Why no, I'm not hard to convince, but just show me the man who can do it!" or like the time we were holding a revival among the German Congregationalists of Colorado, who were strongly against immersion. After a six weeks' revival, in which they accepted healing, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and nearly all the rest of the Pentecostal message, we decided it was time to preach on water baptism. After the service we went home with a German named "Sinner." After a long silence he said, "Well, Brudder Archer, I'll admit you've got thirty scriptures to my one—but—well, the Lord will just have to show me!"

So Peter went to the house of Cornelius and preached like Brother Paulk. But just as he paused to get his breath and pulled his handkerchief out of his pocket to wipe his brow, the power really turned loose and everybody in the place got the Holy Ghost! How do we know they did? Why, "they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God!" Folks who get the Holy Ghost and speak in tongues always magnify God! (Acts 10:46.) And Peter said, Why, these folks "have received the Holy Ghost as well as we!" (v. 47.) And when they called Peter on the carpet up in the head office and put him in the hot chair before the council of twelve, Peter just said, Look here, fellows, I believe in obeying the rules and all that, but when "the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning" (Acts 11:15), I saw that "God gave them the like gifts as he did unto us" (v. 17), "what was I that I could withstand God?" And the evidence that convinced Peter and satisfied the apostles was that they spake with tongues and magnified God.

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Golden Gleanings

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come to victory. If labor will lift up its hands as Christ lifted His in the carpenter shop in service for the Father; if capital, like Joseph of Arimathea, will give of its possessions for the sake of Christ; if women, like Magdalene, will bring their spices to anoint Him; if educators, like Nicodemus, come in the dark to find the truth which is in Him; if soldiers, like the one at the foot of the cross, will share the wine of their life with Him; if we all begin to see in the wounded Him wounded; if we all enter into the work of sacrifice as He entered the Garden, then we may never fear the outcome.—*Fulton J. Sheen, in Pathfinder.*

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any complaining. Surely the Lord is with them.

A wonderful three weeks' revival was conducted here at Kingston, headquarters church, by Brother and Sister Pearson. Truly, God was in our midst. Fourteen were saved, six were sanctified, five were filled with the Holy Ghost and some were added to the church.

We are very glad to have these folks in our little Island. They have held revivals in various places all over the Island and God has crowned each endeavor with souls to lay at the Master's feet.

They have gone through many rocky and muddy places for the lost and dying souls, but they don't stop and say, "These roads should be better." They seem to believe like good Brother Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me," Phil. 4:3.

We have learned to love and appreciate Bishop and Sister Pearson for their humble, submissive spirit unto the Lord, also the spirit of meekness with which they deal with us here. We admire the business and doctrinal way in which Brother Pearson carries on the business of the Church.

I am serving for them at their home and I can safely say that they live what they preach.

Please pray for us here in Jamaica, we need your prayers. Pray that God will bless Brother and Sister Pearson and will allow them to always remain with us.

—One who means to remain faithful to the end, Mable M. Archer, Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I.

Notes From My Letters

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this time separate from the dollar-per-member drive, which gives us the entire amount of the dollar drive. Our goal was set at $2,000, but we will have to raise it almost, if not, to $3,000. Pray for the entire state work in Mississippi. —Yours very sincerely, Clyde C. Cox, state overseer."

Question Box

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soever abideth in him sinneth not." The implication is that if we say we abide in Him and sin, we have not known Him. We cannot abide in Him or know Him as our Savior and sin. It is not a question that one has not been converted.

Healed of Ulcer

TALLADEGA, Ala. — I praise the Lord for His healing power. He has healed me many times. Last summer I had a sore leg. People tried to get me to go to a doctor and suggested all kinds of remedies for sores but I held on to the Lord and trusted Him. After I had suffered about two months I sent in a request to the Evangel and before a week I was completely healed. Praise the Lord.

I thank every one who prayed for me. I want the Christians to pray that I will always be able to trust the Lord for everything.—Odessa Gravette.

Baby Healed

BUFFALO VALLEY, Tenn. — We have a Savior worth serving. This morning I came in the house and found that my baby boy just could get his breath, he had such a cold. I began to pray for God to help, and thank God, when I ceased praying the baby was asleep. He is up playing this morning and I know God was the Healer. He has healed in our home many times. We don't live where we can go to church, so pray for us to live like God wants us to. Pray for my children.—Attie Ramsey.

There is little inspiration in the report of a revival where there was no visible results.

Praise and Thanksgiving

The Evangel a Treat to Me

BLOSSOM, Tex. — Dear Evangel Family, just a few words of testimony to let you know I am still in the land of the living and always glad to get my paper. I look for the ones I know, then look for all from Texas, then I go over the whole paper. I am glad to read the whole paper; it is a treat to me since I am alone. It is more pleasure than ever.

I thank God for taking care of me all these years. He has healed me for forty-five years and He is still the same.

I have a friend here who was in the hospital seven weeks. She has come home now and we go to pray for her. The Lord blesses her, then when we get off the devil makes her doubt. I want you to pray for her.

Oh, I thank God for the Comforter. He has been so real to me. I have gone through some awful trials but God still lives in my being. He is still able to keep me. Pray for me and if any feels led to write Sister Jones, her address is Esther Jones, Blossom, Tex.

I am still saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides. He is a present help and cares for His own. I am surprised to ever get well of the bad spell I had here two years ago but God had a use for me, so pray that I will do what He spared me for, then I will be ready to go on home, to enjoy heaven. There are many things happening; we do not know what is coming next, but if we keep the victory we will be ready for whatever comes. I do want to do His will in every way.—Your unworthy sister, Mollie L. Wilson, Gen. Del.

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My Testimony of God's Healing

Dear Saints everywhere, greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am happy today because I know the Lord, because I know that He is good. I am very thankful because I find Him to be more to me than when I first believed. Oh glory to His precious name! Isn't it wonderful to have a Friend who will walk with those who fear Him and worship and serve Him, just to feel the real touch of His guiding hand. Bless His holy name.

I want to tell the world of His healing power. Believe it or not, the days of miracles are not over, as some people claim. Sad to say that this accident happened, but since it happened, God had His hand in the deal. The writer accidentally shot his wife November 25 with a 22-rifle, the bullet going through the throat from the left side, under the jaw, and coming out on the right side. Her neck was bleeding and she was in much pain, but thanks be to God, prayer was offered at once and in less time than three minutes the Lord touched and healed her. Praise God forever and ever.

Well folks, it is wonderful. My wife never stopped preaching and also carried on her housework and kept the children in school. The place healed over in less than five days and the wound left just a small scar on either side of her neck. Well, isn't it grand to have salvation!

We have two churches to pastor and we are over the top with everything, even our state program. I feel, I believe, like David did when he said, "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation," Psa. 68:19. I earnestly ask the prayers of all God's people that wife and I will stay humble before the Lord and do that which is well pleasing to Him.—C. G. Bellah, Rt. 1, Webbers Falls, Okla.

I Intend To Live True to My Lord

PITTSBURG, Kans. — I praise my Lord for what He really means to me. God has been so good to me I can't praise Him enough for the way He hears and answers my prayers. I have found there is no place to go but to the Lord. I have also found that no matter how hard the trials, or how sick we may get, there is still no place to go but to the Lord. I praise Him for the way He blesses my soul. He is a true friend to me. That is why I intend to be true to my Lord. I get so many good blessings when I go in prayer all alone.

I thank God this evening for good Christian parents. I have heard my father and mother call my name in prayer so many times, asking God to save and heal me. God heard and answered their prayers and I intend to be a Christian the rest of my life.

I praise God for the way He blesses in our church services and Y. P. E. We thank Him for our good pastor, Brother C. H. Sharp. He and his good wife have

The above picture is the Sunday school at Shelburn, Ind., May 3, 1942. There was no contest on or any special drive for Sunday school, in fact some were absent who had been coming. The Lord is blessing the work at Shelburn. We covet your prayers.—*Millard Johnson, superintendent; C. H. Standifer, pastor.*

really been a blessing to every one.

Pray for us and pray for my unsaved husband that he will learn to serve Jesus and trust in the same God I do.—Mrs. Andrew B. Bolte.

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Encouraged To Press Onward

ST. STEPHENS, Ala.—I praise our great Redeemer this morning for this wonderful plan of salvation. A little better than ten years ago God showed me my lost and undone condition, so I humbled myself down at the foot of the cross and there I found Jesus sweet to my soul. He saved my soul, sanctified me by His precious blood, and baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost, which still abides according to Acts 2:4.

I am so glad for the desire Jesus planted in my heart to go every mile of the way. All along this way we have many trials and temptations to face, but God said in His Word that there never would be a trial or temptation so great but what there would be a way of escape. It seems that I can feel the soon coming of our Lord which makes me want to do more for the upbuilding of God's kingdom.

I covet the prayers of all the saints for my health. May God bless one and all. —Pearl Atchison.

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — As I look around and see so many things happening I know His coming is near. We don't have a Church of God here in Tallahassee, but we surely need one. I don't get to go to church like I would like to, but if I don't get to be in service I pray just the same. It doesn't keep me from praying. I work almost every day but I can praise my Lord and work too. Friends, I have lots to pray for. I have one boy in the marine corps in Virginia and another one, if it became necessary, would have to go. I am not praying for this war to stop because I feel like it is the fulfillment of the scriptures. All I ask for is that my boys' souls be saved and if we never meet on earth again that we will meet in heaven. I have four boys. Pray that they will be saved and will not go out of this world unprepared to meet God. My boy, who is in the marines, came home in October on a ten-day visit and when he left I gave him a Bible and asked him to read it.

I am so glad I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. If I did not have Jesus I could not stand what we will have to face.—Mrs. Lucille Phillip, 1920 W. St. Augustine St.

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MADERA, Calif. — Dear Evangel Readers, I thank the Lord for what He is to me. I know He is everything to me and without Him I would be nothing. Jesus is always ready to help when we call on Him believing. I praise Him because I have the good Holy Ghost abiding in my soul just now.

I am a member of the Church of God at Bethel, Tenn. I have been in this state only a short time so I do not know the nearest Church of God. Pray that God will provide a church here in Madera or a way for us to attend church where they preach sound doctrine.

I am so thankful for freedom in this United States. Let us work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. I have a desire to work for God and want to be where He can use me. I want to be a blessing to others and am determined to live this life to the end.

Things happen in this life we can't understand, but praise God we will understand it better by and by. My husband is unable to work but I know in some way or other the Lord will provide. Pray that God will touch and heal his body and make him whole. Pray for our children to be saved before it is too late. I know we are living in trying times but I can hear that blessed promise ringing in my ears—"You will not be tempted above that ye are able to bear." Praise His name! Although I don't get to go to church and Sunday school much, I would not exchange what I have in my soul for all this world has to offer.

I want to say to those who are being tried hard, Look up, for your redemption draweth nigh. I get so hungry to go to church and Sunday school I just cry; then I just begin to look up and I hear these words, "Life will be sweeter some day." Praise the Lord forever. I know it can't be very long. Please call my name in prayer.—Mrs. Iva Griggs, Rt. 3, Box 62-G.

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FLORILLA, Ga.—Just a few words of praise to the great God of heaven for His healing power. I had a large wart on my hand which pained me terribly. It had gotten so bad I could hardly stand for anything to touch it, and it had turned purple. I thought it was turning to a cancer. I prayed on Tuesday night and asked God to heal it for His glory. On Monday morning it came off. That was nearly two months ago, and, praise God, it is still gone.

I have a nervous condition, please pray that He will heal me of this. He has blessed me so wonderfully already.—Mrs. Emma Huddleston, Rt. 1.

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BRISTOL, Tenn.—I praise God for His great healing power. A few months ago my wife fell and broke her arm and fractured her hip. I sent in a request to the Church of God at Cleveland, Tenn., for prayer. The request went in the Evangel. Praise God for His great power to heal broken bones and for people who have faith in God, that He will heal. My wife was healed. Praise God! Pray for me. I am seventy-two years old; came into the Church of God twenty years ago.—W. A. Patrick, 130 Caldwell Alley.

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Sweet Peace Fills My Heart

WATERTOWN Fla.—Truly I praise the Lord for salvation; I praise Him because I know He rolled the burden of sin from my heart and He has been real ever since. For more than two years He has been my best friend, my healer, my burden-bearer and He has never failed me. He has more than supplied my needs. The sweetest peace fills my heart and I thank Him for His overcoming power and the faith He gives me in trials and tests. I thank Him for the hard things and the thorns I have found in my path, for they, more than anything, have shown me the love and care He has for me.

The Evangel has been a real blessing to me in so many ways. The Lord has healed my children and me in answer to prayer and laying the Evangel on our bodies. I enjoy the good articles and sermons and it has been a real encouragement when the way was dark. I think of all the saints who are praying and I realize that I am not alone but God is with me. Pray for me that I will stay humble and in His will.—Pearl McDonald.

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NAUGATUCK, W. Va.—I thank my blessed Redeemer for being so merciful and good to us when it seems like we do so little for Him. The Lord stands by us in time of trouble, sickness and sorrow. How comforting it is to turn to Him when He stands with outstretched hands ready to come to our rescue. I praise Him for healing my body when I was very sick. Remember me in prayer that I may get closer to Jesus and have some more faith.—Mrs. Z. B. Chapman.

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WEST ASHEVILLE, N. C. — Dear Christian Friends, some months ago I wrote to you asking you to pray for a cancer on my nose. God wonderfully came on the scene and healed my nose. Praise His sweet name. I take this opportunity to praise Him, also to tell you of how He answered your prayer.

I have heart trouble, please pray that God will deliver me of this.—Mrs. Fred Wright, 124 State St.